

ONCE again the righteous as well as the wicked stand in shippers' places

## POSTSCRIPT

# VICTORY HANGS IN BALANCE

Both Sides Claim Advantage in Verdun Carnage.

German Rush Halted, but Fury Is Unabated.

MAKE ADVANCE IN CHAMPAGNE

Trainloads of Wounded Are Moving Towards Paris.

Fresh Troops Hurrying to Front to Fill Gaps.

WHOLE REGIMENTS DECIMATED

"Most Tremendous Offensive in World's History."

Naval and Zeppelin Assault Expected Momentarily.

London, Feb. 28.—The great battle of Verdun now entering its second week, is continuing with unabated fury, with the German armies driving hard at the French defense. Paris asserts the German advance has been checked but Berlin claims a continuation of the march on the French stronghold. Along the Meuse north of Verdun, the Germans have been unable to make as rapid progress as in the initial stages of the battle and even on the Woerth front where the French at first fell back, they now appear to be offering effective resistance.

The French defensive operations at places are taking on the nature of a counter-offensive as in the attacks on Fort Douaumont, four miles northeast of Verdun. This development has been forecasted in dispatches which told of the explosion in Paris that the French when they had fallen back to positions they believed they could hold indefinitely, would drive back over the ground that had been yielded in the face of the terrific German artillery and infantry attacks.

Germany accounts for the fighting, Berlin having announced further advances for the crown prince, including the taking of Haudmont, east of Fort Douaumont, and the village of Champagneville in the German right flank. The two German attacks on Fort Douaumont were repulsed.

The French do not claim the recapture of this old defense of a main fortress, but declare that the Germans who had gained a foothold

## BOLINGER TO K. C.

Topeka Attorney, Named in Divorce Suit, Leaves City.

It became known today that Arthur J. Bolinger, the Topeka attorney under investigation by the grievance committee of the shawnee county bar association, has closed the office which he has occupied for years, in the Crawford building, Fifth and Jackson streets. A report published upon the door of the office this morning. All the furniture had been removed and a telephone standing on the floor was the only evidence that some one had recently occupied the room. "The party in the room has left," volunteered the clerk.

It is said by local attorneys who claim to know of Bolinger's plans that the lawyer has gone to Kansas City to become affiliated with a Missouri law firm.

A few days ago Bolinger was named co-defendant in a divorce suit by Roy Kline, who filed answer to his wife's petition for divorce. Sensational allegations were made in the answer. The bar association, or at least its grievance committee, began to probe the allegations.

A meeting of the committee is scheduled for 4:30 o'clock this afternoon in the office of Captain Charles Hamilton, chairman. Members of the committee refuse to divulge what action if any will be taken.

I. C. C. Approves New Rates. Washington, Feb. 28.—Cancellation by the St. Louis & San Francisco and other railroads of commodity rates on hardware and sundry articles shipped from Dallas, Waco, Fort Worth, Little Rock, Fort Smith and other points in Texas and Arkansas, and from Shreveport, La., to points in Oklahoma was found justified by the interstate commerce commission.

## STRIKERS WIN RAISE AND GO BACK TO JOBS

Ansonia, Conn., Feb. 28.—The men of the American Brass company here who have been on strike for two weeks by the strike of more than 2,000 unskilled workers resumed operation today. The strikers will receive an increase of 15 per cent.

## Russia Permits Families to Go To Men In U. S.

New York, Feb. 28.—The Russian government has granted permission to the wives and children of men who came to America before the war to leave Russia and join their relatives in America, says Leon Sanders, president of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant society of America.

## CHANGE IN THE A.P.

E. W. Wingart Is New Correspondent in Topeka.

S. N. Blossom Promoted to Position in Chicago.

Announcement was made here today that E. N. Blossom, who has been a correspondent of the Associated Press at the Topeka bureau for the past year, has been promoted to a responsible position in the Chicago office of the same organization. E. W. Wingart, formerly connected with local newspapers who has been in the Kansas City office of the Associated Press, has been appointed successor to Mr. Blossom.



S. N. Blossom, Former Correspondent of Associated Press in Topeka, Promoted to Work in Chicago.

Since the establishment of the Topeka bureau about a year ago much has been done to improve the news offered to Kansas readers. Numerous innovations and improvements were introduced in the service and the office here has become an important factor in Kansas newspaperdom.

Mr. Blossom came to Topeka from the Kansas City office of the "A. P." the two letters being the popular term for the Associated Press, which is recognized as the greatest news gathering and distributing organization in the world. Before entering the service of the Associated Press Mr. Blossom was connected with Kansas City and Chicago newspapers. During his stay in Topeka he has made many friends, who recognize his ability as a newspaper man of sterling qualities. Through his efforts the Topeka bureau has developed steadily and as a result Topeka as a news center has become known throughout the United States. Mr. Blossom is a member of the



E. W. Wingart, Formerly of the State Journal, Later of the Associated Press at Kansas City, Appointed Correspondent at Topeka.

Topeka Press club and other organizations in Topeka and its friends will be glad to hear of his advancement, which is a recognition for his ability. Mr. Wingart is a Topekan, having been born and reared here, and for a number of years prior to his appointment to the Kansas City office of the news organization was on the editorial staffs of the two local newspapers. Before his departure from Topeka several months ago he took an aggressive part in the commercial and civic activities of the city. Today he was kept busy receiving the congratulations of his numerous friends on his new position and his return to Topeka.

In addition to being a graduate of the Topeka high school he is a graduate of the University of Kansas where a few years ago he took an active part in student affairs. More recently he has become widely known in newspaper circles throughout the state. Mr. Wingart is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wingart, 1734 Fillmore street.

Greece Order to United States.

London, Feb. 28.—Reuters Athens correspondent says announcement has been made there that on account of England's refusal to supply the amount of sulphate of copper required by Greece, the government has applied to the United States for the needed quantity.

## WILL FIRE ONLY ON SHIPS ARMED FOR OFFENSIVE

Germany's Long Looked for Reply Is Delivered.

H. a Intention of Revoking Lusitania Pledge.

DOESN'T MENTION "WARNING"

Permits Merchantmen to Carry Guns for Defensive.

Enigma Still Exists as to Extent of Armament.

Washington, Feb. 28.—In a note presented to Secretary Lansing today by Count von Bernstorff the German ambassador, Germany assures the United States that it has no intention of revoking the pledges given in the Lusitania case.

The note says Germany can conceive of no reason for changing or postponing the new instructions to her submarine commanders to treat as warships enemy merchant ships armed "defensively" and that special precautions have been taken to prevent ships that are not armed from being attacked.

The note reiterated the previous pledges, which were given September 1 and October 5 last year, for the safety of unarmored liners and then on or to say the German government does not believe those assurances have been modified by the new memorandum. During the negotiations over the Lusitania, it says, no mention was made of armed merchantmen, and that the United States in one of its notes on the Lusitania mentioned armed merchantmen.

Not to Sink Without Warning.

Attention then is called to the as-

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## U. S. LENDS GUIDING HAND TO HAYTI

Senate Ratifies Treaty to Become Protective to Turbulent Island.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The senate late today unanimously ratified the treaty with Hayti under which the United States assumes a protectorate over the turbulent island republic, taking control of its finances and police, guaranteeing its territorial integrity and undertaking to develop its resources. The treaty was approved by the Haytian congress and its terms virtually are in operation under the eye of a strong American marine expedition.

Archbishop Mundelein of Chicago, Feb. 10, was in this city Feb. 15 when Governor Edward F. Dunne of Illinois held the quest of honor at the election club dinner, according to a statement made by the police today. Dunne, who was in Chicago on a private dinner at a local hotel, according to the statement but was prevented from so doing by detectives. He said he saw the same train from Erie with the governor.

## BORDER ON TOES FOR NEW MEX. OUTBREAK

Washington Sets U. S. Agents to Watch Brownsville and Laredo.

San Antonio, Feb. 28.—Department of justice agents along the border are acting on the instructions from Washington to be on the alert for new revolutionary activities against Mexico, according to advices given out today here. Brownsville, Laredo and this city are being closely watched for signs of the reported new scientific movement.

Diaz Has Left Country.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Chief Bielaski, of the bureau of investigation, heard from his agents in New Orleans and New York that Felix Diaz left this country several days ago.

Mr. Bielaski was asked that Diaz has prepared a proclamation for distribution in Mexico and the United States announcing his reasons for beginning a new revolution, including "The cause of humanity and justice."

The proclamation, agents reported is to be issued tomorrow or Wednesday.

The department believes Diaz went practically alone and made no effort to take an armed expedition with him.

## NELSON TOO FAR GONE TO MEET AD WOLGAST

Wisconsin Puts Wet Blanket on Lightweight Boxing Match April 12.

Appleton, Wis., Feb. 28.—The state boxing commission today ruled that Battling Nelson was "too far gone" to box Ad Wolgast, to whom he lost the lightweight championship. They had been matched to box here April 12.

## LAST MINUTE NEWS

NEGRO ROBS ST. JOE Bank. St. Joe, Feb. 28.—A negro bandit, unmasked, and armed robbed the Mechanics bank here at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon and escaped with \$1,500 in bills and \$100 in coin. A posse in motor cars in pursuit of the robber.

Crones Tried to "Get" Dunne? Buffalo, Feb. 28.—Jean Crones,

## Dodges Cupid's Shafts to Face Bullets of War

New York, Feb. 28.—Prince Miskinoff, of the olive complexion, the chocolate colored spots and the American belle bride, is far away from the love shafts of his beautiful foster daughter, Yvonne, his "own little King-Kid," who "is irresistible in her beauty."

He plans to join the czar's army. When you hear of him again he may be the hero of a gallant charge around Mush or in a fierce fight near Baronavitch. Yvonne will stay with the prince.

## DOWN ON WILSON

Congressmen Want New Leader, Says Former Diplomat.

Many Think President Cannot Be Elected Again.

Washington, Feb. 28.—George Fred Williams, former American minister to Greece, in a statement, criticizing President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing, asserts that a majority of Democratic congressmen consider the re-election of the president impossible. He urged that unpledged delegations be sent to the St. Louis convention.

"It is the universal complaint that a kitchen cabinet rules the president, of which one of the leading members is said to be a leading representative of high finance, the loaners and the arms manufacturers," says Mr. Williams.

"As the Democratic party is now considering the renomination of President Wilson it becomes us to inquire by what processes our once peaceful and neutral president has become a partisan and allowed us to get two-thirds into the murderous European contest. Neither the Democratic party nor a possible diplomatic impasse has he sought the advice of his party leaders. These have already rejected his military plans and now threaten to protest his conduct of our foreign affairs."

Congressmen in Hole.

"Congressmen who voted their consciences two years ago by promising neutrality and peace are dreading to return with the new policies of the president. It is agreed that had the president remained firm for peace and neutrality, he and his party would have been pre-empted in the coming national election."

"It is claimed that Democratic congressmen no longer volunteer calls at the White House and they must state their business before they are admitted to the president's presence. From responsible leaders that the president does not consult them on executive policies and when they are decided upon the Democratic leaders have been unavailing."

Referring to Secretary of State Lansing, Mr. Williams says: "His statement must be accepted that he is a Democrat, as he confirms his title by announcing that he has proposed that Democratic county conventions, but outside of his count, no Democrat knew him."

wanted in connection with the wholesale patronage at the dinner given by Archbishop Mundelein of Chicago, Feb. 10, was in this city Feb. 15 when Governor Edward F. Dunne of Illinois held the quest of honor at the election club dinner, according to a statement made by the police today. Dunne, who was in Chicago on a private dinner at a local hotel, according to the statement but was prevented from so doing by detectives. He said he saw the same train from Erie with the governor.

German to Have Roman War Song.

New York, Feb. 28.—A manuscript containing what is declared to be an unpublished military hymn composed by a German soldier in 1876, together with a suggestion that the music be set to words and sung in the German trenches, has been forwarded to the German government by Von Bernstorff, according to a letter from the ambassador made public today by Carl W. Lachmund, of Yonkers, N. Y., who was one of Liszt's pupils.

Blow to Webb-Kenyon Law.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 28.—In an opinion handed down here today Chancellor Heiskell made a blow for wholesale liquor dealers to continue carrying on a legal interstate business without interference by the city, county or state authorities.

The chancellor refused a restraining order asked by the state against Max Miller, a liquor dealer, charged with retailing liquor in violation of state laws. Miller brought evidence showing that he was not retailing, but was applying to the state law, even though the wholesale liquor dealer had shipped liquor to him from the state to his place of business in Memphis to be resold, and that it was not in violation of the law where the wholesalers continued to carry on a strictly interstate business.

Germany Calls Portugal.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—Germany has addressed a sharp note to Portugal in protest against seizure of German merchant vessels by the Portuguese authorities. This measure is characterized as a violation of Germany's treaty rights and the hope is expressed that Portugal will rescind its action.

## DUMA APPROVES TWO BILLION RUBLES LOAN

London, Feb. 28.—The finance committee of the Russian duma, presided over by Premier Sturmer, approved the new war loan for two billion rubles, says Reuters Petrograd correspondent. The interest rate will be 5 1/2 per cent. The loan will run for ten years.

## WRECK 5 PLANTS

Berlin Reports on Last Zeppelin's Visit to England.

Ammunition Factories Blown Up by Bombs.

SINKS TWO BRITISH CRUISERS

At Parlington, One Bomb Destroys 22 Houses.

Three Spinning Mills and Brewery Included in List.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—On the occasion of the last Zeppelin raid over England two government factories and two ammunition factories at Birmingham and one ammunition factory near Bradford were destroyed by bombs, the Overseas News agency says.

The news agency statement which supplements the account given out yesterday of the damage done by the airship attack on England on the night of Jan. 31-Feb. 1, follows:

"At Birmingham two government factories and two ammunition factories were destroyed. One brewery was damaged at Eccles Hill. Near Bradford one ammunition factory and three spinning mills were wrecked. At Parlington, one bomb destroyed 22 houses.

Silence Batteries.

"On the Humber a battery was silenced, the cannon and searchlights being destroyed. At Grimsby and in the vicinity of Hull considerable damage was done as was also the case at Sheffield.

"The cruiser Caroline and the destroyer Eden and Nith were sunk. The Caroline sank in six minutes, 31 members of the crew being killed, 58 wounded and 47 drowned."

A Berlin dispatch on February 10 said that the three warships mentioned had been sunk during the Zeppelin raid. This was denied by the British government which stated that no British warships nor any merchant ship was struck by a bomb.

## MORE SNOW COMING

Temperature Is Normal With a Promise of Warmer Tomorrow.

Snow fell this morning and Sunday morning, but the temperature is normal. The snow this morning measured 2.4 inches, but it only made 1.4 of an inch of water. The total fall Sunday was four inches and it melted almost as soon as it fell. Probably more snow is coming tonight. The Kaw river is still falling, and had reached a stage of 8.2 feet this morning.

The forecast calls for rain or snow tonight and tomorrow, with a minimum temperature of about 24 degrees is expected at Topeka tonight. The forecast indicates the temperature of 20 to 24 degrees for 36-hour shipments north, south and west, east, 24 degrees.

The lowest temperature last night was 24 degrees, which is exactly normal for this date. The lowest temperature on record was 5 degrees below zero in 1890. On only one date after this has the temperature been lower than the local records have been kept has the mercury gone below zero.

The high record is 70 degrees, established in 1890.

The wind is in the northeast today, blowing at the rate of 10 miles an hour.

Reports received in local railroad offices indicate that little snow has fallen west of the central section of the state. The snowfall appears to have been heavier as it approached the eastern border. Early this morning it began to snow in Missouri.

Santa Fe reports show that about an inch of snow has fallen in the vicinity of Newton. Near Topeka the snow is more than half an inch heavy.

Reports received from the Superior branch of the Santa Fe make no mention of snow.

Temperatures today averaged 7 degrees below normal. Following are hourly readings for the day furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock -24 11 o'clock -27

8 o'clock -24 12 o'clock -27

9 o'clock -25 1 o'clock -29

10 o'clock -26 2 o'clock -30

## Odd Items In Today's News

New York.—"I found her in the lap of a young man who was ardently making love to her. Please cancel enclosed marriage license," wrote a man to Assistant City Clerk Scully. License cancelled.

Petersburg, Ind.—Maple sugar camps running full time here are seriously handicapped by honey bees which have been called out by cholera bites by the mild spring weather.

Gallipoli, Ohio.—Looking for bootleggers who have smuggled booze into dry West Virginia, police arrested Misses Helen Borden and Elizabeth Driscoll and took them to a saloon where they were drinking whisky from their pantaloons.

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## JOFFRE AND HUMBERT COMMAND FRENCH FORCES IN GREAT BATTLE OF VERDUN



General Humbert (left) and General Joffre. The two big leaders of the French in the terrific battle of Verdun are General Joffre, commander in chief of the French army, and General Humbert. General Humbert has received great praise for the skillful manner in which he has handled his troops during the long drawn out contest.

## ZEPS TO AMERICA SAVE TOPEKA BOY

Fancy Fleet Carrying Cargo of Ralph Foster Was on Ill-Fated Food Across Seas.

But Such Means of Commerce Cables News of Safety to Parents in This City.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—A great fleet of Zeppelins flying to America and bringing back food to Germany is a possibility if this war lasts several years longer, an authority on aerodynamics declared today.

"Seems like a dream," he said. "But a war that has seen submarines go from Wilhelmshaven to Constantinople and Zeppelins and aeroplanes fly unexpected routes may see some even more startling developments in, say three or five years."

For a "Finish Flight."

"The very fact that this possibility is being discussed is evidence of the realization here that this war between England and Germany is to be decisive if not a little exhaustion. In this flight, Germany expects to win, if necessary, by bringing into play all the inventive powers that already have stood her in such good stead."

In counting the probabilities of a long war, Germany military critics are casting their eyes at neutrals that may become involved. They are speculating, for instance, on what would happen if the English threw an army for Holland and marched against Aix La Chapelle to trap the German army in Belgium.

Press Dinner Tonight

Formal Farewell to Father Murphy by Newspaper Men.

Arrangements are completed for the big banquet to be held by the Press club this evening at Pelletier's restaurant. Father John Murphy, who leaves Topeka soon to enter the missionary field. An excellent program, arranged by local newspaper men, has been prepared, and everything promises that the first formal function of the recently organized club will be one long remembered.

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## 169 LIVES TOLL OF SEA MINE DISASTER

Of Total 429 on Board Maloja, 260 Are Rescued.

Steamship Sinks in Half Hour After Explosion.

ONLY 50 BODIES RECOVERED

Baby Wrapped in Blanket Floats Until Picked Up.

Russian Steamship Petchenga Sinks—Only 15 Survivors.

London, Feb. 28.—Revised figures show that 169 persons, including 55 passengers, are missing and probably lost their lives in the sinking of the Peninsular and Oriental liner Maloja. In giving out this statement today, officials of the line expressed hope that further rescues will be reported.

The revised figures show that the Maloja carried 429 persons, including 119 passengers, and account for only 260 survivors.

The bodies of three more Lascars of the crew of the Maloja have been washed ashore, making the total of bodies recovered 50. Many relatives are arriving at Dover to endeavor to identify bodies. Among those rescued was a baby warmly clad, which was found floating on its back. The child was taken into the engine room and after being warmed it smiled at its rescuers and seemed none the worse for the immersion.

Tried to Run Aground.

The Maloja left Tilbury only yesterday for Bombay, with mail, 119 passengers of all classes, aboard, and a crew numbering about 260, most of them Lascars. Other passengers were to join the ship at Marseilles. The steamer had just passed Admiralty pier at Dover and was opposite Shakespeare cliff, when an explosion shook her from end to end. She listed immediately to port. High seas were running and the captain realized that great damage had been done to the after part of the vessel, tried to run her aground, but the engine room was awashed and the ship became unmanageable. The plight of the vessel was observed and dozens of craft went out to rescue. Several of them, the British tanker Empress of Port William, of 2,181 tons, struck an other mine and sank nearby.

Aboard the Maloja everything possible was done to get the passengers and crew off.

Just before she went to the bottom, the vessel turned turtle and for a few seconds the keel was visible above the surface. According to eye witnesses there was a second explosion, and while under the water the vessel righted herself; the masts became visible and the ship began to rise. The captain and officers stuck by the ship to the last. Though all were saved, not one of them left the ship in the boats, all being picked out of the water, for the scene immediately after the explosion was one sufficiently terrifying to cause panic. Several of the crew were blown to pieces and the deck was covered with wreckage and wounded.

Women and Children Lost.

Covered a boat could be lowered and the heavy sea made the rescue work difficult. The majority of those saved were on rats, of which the ship

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## BRIDE A SLAYER

Mrs. Harrison Admits Murder Two Days Before Wedding.

Claims Warren Wronged Her—Jury Probes Mystery.

Ft. Worth, Feb. 28.—The grand jury began its probe today into the sensational Warren death mystery the climax of which came Saturday night with the dramatic confession of Mrs. Charles Harrison.

Mrs. Harrison according to the police confessed that she had killed Warren because he had wronged her. She and Harrison were married two days after the killing.

Mrs. Harrison is only 15 years of age, and if convicted could not be given more than a term in a reformatory. Her husband, who is also charged with murder is only 20 years old.

One of the strange features of the case has been the fact that Warren is the fact that Mrs. Harrison is said to have told of the killing the morning after it happened and one could not believe that she had made it up to no less than half a dozen people, yet no hint of it ever reached the authorities.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Rain or snow tonight and Tuesday warmer Tuesday.

## SIGNED CONSTITUTION

Last Surviving Signer of Original Missouri Enactment Dies at 86.

Springfield, Mo., Feb. 28.—Charles B. McLean, 86 years old, believed to be the last surviving signer of the Missouri state constitution, died at his home here this morning after a brief illness. He was prominent in Democratic state and national politics. He was a Union army officer.

## DESTROY 31 ZEPPELINS SINCE WAR COMMENCED